

## Important Information Regarding the Export of Animal Products to Taiwan

- **Certificate seals:** Taiwanese authorities have indicated that only original APHIS certificates with raised seals are acceptable. Faxes and photocopies will not be honored. Exporters should arrange to have the actual certificate with the APHIS raised seal accompany the shipment.
- **Certificate date:** Products should not be shipped until after the certificate has been issued. However, in cases where certificates are amended after the shipment has shipped, exporters should arrange to have the original certificate sent to their importers for presentation at the port of entry into Taiwan. Taiwan may not accept certificates endorsed after products have shipped.
- **Consignment information:** Taiwan requires all certificates to contain the precise name, quantity, and weight of items exported. A "total" weight is not acceptable, if items are individually packaged. Taiwan is looking for descriptions such as the following: "500 pounds dry dog food (10 5-pound bags, 1 50-pound bag, and 4 100-pound bags)." The certificate must also contain enough information to link the actual consignment to the certificate. Examples of acceptable information include the container number or lot numbers.
- **Pet Food versus livestock feeds:** Taiwan generally considers "pet food" to be "dog food" and "cat food." Generally, materials to be fed to other pets, such as rodents, fish, birds, and reptiles, must meet the requirements for the "**Animal Feed Preparations**" (if the product contains animal origin ingredients), or "**Livestock Feeds**" (if the product contains no animal origin ingredients). Exporters should have their Taiwanese importers confirm with Taiwanese authorities prior to shipment under which protocols their specific product must be imported.